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FYI Elaine. Have you begun your review of the DEIS? Curious what your initial impressions are and where you think EPA is headed on this?

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Clark,

A brief summary of our meeting yesterday.

Jim

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**Subject:** Stakeholder meeting regarding NASWI on December 20th

Kelly,

We had the stakeholder meeting yesterday. It did not go as smoothly as anticipated. The ferry from Port Townsend did not run yesterday so we did the meeting via phone with Julia Terlinchamp already on Whidbey because she came across the bridge at Anacortes. Julia had stakeholders from San Juan County and Island county; including the Citizens of Ebey's Reserve, the National Parks Conservation Group, Quiet Skies and Friends of the San Juans. Rob Duff, Tip Wonhoff and I took part in the meeting from Port Townsend and were joined by Save the Olympic Peninsula (STOP), Protect Olympic Peninsula, Progressives of Jefferson County, Protect the Peninsula's Future, the Olympic Environmental Council / North Olympic Group Sierra Club.

Collectively the group had some requests

- An extension to the public comment period for the EIS. Currently the public comment period ends on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Given the technical nature of the EIS and its length (more than 1,000 pages) citizens are having some difficulty in digesting all the information. They ask that the governor request an extension to the public comment period.
- Either a supplemental EIS or an additional sound study regarding stationing additional EA-18G Growlers at NASWI. The EIS section on sound is based on computer modeling and stakeholders would like to see more work on this section.
- Include the perfluorinated alkaloid compounds (PFCs) in drinking water as part of the EIS. Rob Duff and I have been working this issue with Clark Halvorson at the WA Department of Health. This is an issue resulting from the use of aqueous film forming foam used in firefighting training and operations at airfields across the country. The Navy recently tested their drinking water at various sites and determined that it was above EPA health advisory levels for PFCs. The municipal water supply has been tested and the Navy is testing private wells in a one mile areas surrounding the Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The municipal water supply did not test above the EPA health advisory level. For citizens that have PFCs above the EPA health advisory level, the navy is providing short term mitigation (bottled water) while they continue to look at the scope of the problem. As this is a present condition from legacy and ongoing operations, we see this as a separate issue from the EIS. DoH concurs and would like to keep moving forward to address drinking water concerns within the community in a timely manner.
- Have the governor more directly engage the WA Congressional Delegation about the issue of Navy training in the state of Washington
- The EIS process should not be segmented. Combine the various EIS into one document to cumulative impact to the community.

- Intervene to stop the Navy proposed pier expansion at Coast Guard Station Port Angeles. This was a EA done last year to station 7 additional vessels at the Coast Guard Station to facilitate escort operations for the US Navy
- Intervene to stop the Navy from conducting Electronic Warfare training over the Olympic Peninsula, this might include all flights in the MOA, but I'm not certain...
- Examine other training alternatives that shift EA-18G Growler training from Puget Sound to another location
- Prohibit SEAL training at state parks
- Establish a commission (multi-agency) to address issues and develop binding agreements with the Navy to resolve conflicts

I have some research to do regarding a few of these issues and will have something ready for the update to the governor on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

As I did not make it to Whidbey Island yesterday, I did not speak directly with some of these organizations, but I was in contact with all of them by phone. Regrettably that may have led to some abrupt comments to Julia. The governor committed to this meeting back in Nov 2014 in a letter to the Citizens of Ebey's Reserve (COER) recognizing the EIS was the most appropriate process to examine the effect of flight operations on the surrounding community. We will stay in contact with the group; however, I'm not certain another large scale meeting is required.

I might have missed something but I think I got most of it...

Sincerely,  
Jim

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